AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An information providing apparatus ~~configured as having~~ comprising:

image display means mounted on a mobile object, presenting an image display of information which assists travel of the mobile object;

vibration detecting means detecting vibration of not smaller than a predetermined level produced on said image display means, and sending a detection output signal; and

operation control means modifying a display mode of said information presented ~~as an~~ in the image display by said image display means, when vibration of not smaller than said predetermined level produced on said image display means sustains over a first duration of time not shorter than a first predetermined duration, and when output of said detection output signal from said vibration detecting means sustains over a second duration of time not shorter than a second predetermined duration.

2. (Currently amended) The information providing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said operation control means takes part in a control of increasing luminance of a display screen on which said information is presented ~~as an~~ in the image display in said image display means, when output of the detection output signal from said vibration detecting means sustains over a third duration of time not shorter than a third predetermined duration.

3. (Currently amended) The information providing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said operation control means takes part in a control of enlarging images corresponded to mark information and character information contained in said information presented ~~as an~~ in the image display by said image display means, when output of the detection output signal from said vibration detecting means sustains over a third duration of time not shorter than a third predetermined duration.

4. (Currently amended) The information providing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said operation control means takes part in a control of increasing difference in contrast between an image of high importance and an image of low importance contained in said information presented ~~as an~~ in the image display by said image display means, when output of

the detection output signal from said vibration detecting means sustains over a third duration of time not shorter than a third predetermined duration.

5. (Original) The information providing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:

said mobile object is a vehicle, and

said image display means is configured so as to present image display of a road map image having a current position of said vehicle and an image expressing a travel route superposed therein, as said information.

6. (Currently amended) A method of providing information allowing image display of information which assists travel of a mobile object on an image display section of an information providing apparatus mounted on said mobile object, the method comprising:

~~a vibration detecting step~~ detecting vibration not smaller than a predetermined level produced on said image display section, and sending a detection output signal; and

~~an operation control section step~~ modifying a display mode of said information presented as an image display by said image display section, when vibration of not smaller than a predetermined level produced on said image display section sustains over a first duration of time not shorter than a first predetermined duration, and when output of said detection output signal ~~from said vibration detecting means~~ sustains over a second duration of time not shorter than a second predetermined duration.